Free education to girl students

2459. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give free education and scholarship to the girls students in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds sanctioned for this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) how many rural districts of the country have been included in this scheme, and the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Education for all students including girls up to class VIII is already free in Government schools in most of the States.

As per a new scholarship scheme introduced by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) from the academic session 2006-07, a girl studying in a school affiliated to CBSE who is the only child of her parents and who secures 60% or more marks in class X examination for the year 2006 onwards would be given scholarship of Rs. 500 per month for studying in classes XI and XII in a CBSE affiliated school which charges tuition fee of not more than Rs. 1000 per month during the academic year 2005-06.

All Kendriya Vidyalayas provide fee waiver to single girl children from classes VI to XII.

Government also provide various other incentives to girl students under schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGL), Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme, Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel facilities for girl students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools etc.

(c) and (d) CBSE scholarships are not awarded State or District- wise.